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1. M. DUFEY, DIRECTOR OF SOVEMAN, LIBREVILLE-BASED MANUFACTURER OF CLOTHING, CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 28 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE/ADVICE IN CONNECTION WITH INQUIRY HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENTIAL GUARD FOR ORDER OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED TO TWO THOUSAND JUNGLE CAMOUFLAGE COMBAT UNIFORMS IDENTICAL TO THOSE WORN BY US MARINES. ACCORDING DUFEY, PRESIDENTIAL GUARD WISHES TO HAVE DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM FOR MARCH 12, 1979, RENOVATION DAY PARADE, AND GUARD OFFICIALS MAY HAVE OBTAINED IDEA OF US MARINE-STYLE UNIFORMS DURING VISIT OF USS INCHON AND USS SPRUANCE TO LIBREVILLE LAST FEBRUARY.

2. DUFEY UNDERSTANDS THERE MAY BE RESTRICTIONS ON USE BY PRESIDENTIAL GUARD OF UNIFORM IDENTICAL IN EVERY RESPECT (EXCEPT, OF COURSE, INSIGNIA) TO THAT OF US MARINES AND STATED THAT ANY MINOR MODIFICATION OF UNIFORM WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CHECKING WITH DOD TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL RESTRICTIONS EXIST AND TO CHECK WITH US MANUFACTURER FOR APPROXIMATE PRICE DATA. SOVEMAN DIRECTOR MUST GIVE PRELIMINARY REPLY TO PRESIDENTIAL GUARD NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JULY 5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SOME REPLY BY MONDAY, JULY 3, IF POSSIBLE.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF INFO REQUESTED PARA THREE, EMBASSY WILL THEN SUGGEST TO SOVEMAN DIRECTOR THAT MATTER BE TREATED AS ORDINARY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION. IN THIS REGARD, PLEASE CABLE COMPLETE NAME
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AND ADDRESS OF US COMPANY, INCLUDING NAME OF OFFICIAL WHOM SOVEMAN SHOULD CONTACT.

5. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.TIENKEN

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